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October 19, 2017

Sheriff Johnny Barnes
Washington County Sheriff's Office
120 Adams Street
Plymouth, NC 27962
Via Hand Delivery

RE-INSTATEMENT OF ANIMAL SHELTER REGISTRATION

Facility: Washington County Animal Shelter
Registration Number: 107

Dear Sheriff Barnes:

On October 2, 2017, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services ("NCDA&CS"), Animal Welfare Section ("AWS"), Veterinary Division, provided you with a Notice of Suspension of Animal Shelter Registration indicating that the certificate of registration for the Washington County Animal Shelter ("the shelter") was being suspended due to violations of the N.C. Animal Welfare Act and its associated rules.

On October 17, 2017, Inspector Lisa Carlson, an Animal Health Technician with the AWS, re-inspected the shelter. The report from this facility inspection notes that the shelter has addressed and corrected most of the concerns detailed in the Notice of Suspension of Animal Shelter Registration. The report also notes that the shelter has plans for additional corrective actions to resolve any remaining issues regarding the shelter's compliance with the N.C. Animal Welfare Act and its associated rules. Based upon these considerations, Inspector Carlson recorded the inspection as being "Approved."

The report for the October 17, 2017 facility inspection is enclosed. As noted in the narrative section of this inspection report, this "approved" status is taking into consideration the pending corrective actions that the shelter has indicated it will perform.

Based on the results of the above-mentioned facility inspection, AWS hereby lifts the suspension and re-instates the shelter's registration (Animal Shelter Registration Number 107), effective immediately. This re-instatement is with the understanding that the shelter will complete the pending corrective actions noted in the attached October 17, 2017 Facility Inspection Report and will continue the shelter's efforts to achieve and maintain compliance with the N.C. Animal Welfare Act and its associated rules.

Please note that failure to complete the pending corrective actions or additional violations of the N.C. Animal Welfare Act and its associated rules is grounds for additional action against the shelter registration and/or the assessment of a civil penalty.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Norris', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Patricia Norris, DVM, MS
Director, Animal Welfare Section

Attachment: Facility Inspection Report

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Inspection Results

Date of inspection

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Type of inspection Follow-up inspection

Type of runs Indoor + Outdoor runs

license type 44 - Public shelter

License # 107

dogs present 8

cats present 0

Number of prim. enclosures

17

Washington County Animal Shelter

Washington Co Sheriff's Office

Name of business

Name of owner

120 Adams Street

Plymouth

NC

27962

Washington

Street address

City

ZIP code

County

+1 (252) 793-2422

Phone Number

Facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0201 Housing in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Daily waste removal	Acceptable	0201 Perimeter Fence	Acceptable
0201 Meets electrical code	Acceptable	0201 Hot and cold water present	Acceptable	0201 Adequate drainage	Acceptable
0201 Safe electrical power	Acceptable	0201 Washroom basin and sink	Accept.	0201 Access to AWS employees	Acceptable
Food and bedding protected 0201	Acceptable	0201 Thermometer present	Acceptable	0201 Compliance with welfare	Acceptable
		0201 Animals in windows	Not applicable		

Records, shelter

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
Origin of animals 0101	Acceptable	Location off-site 0101	Acceptable	Disposition of animals 0101	Acceptable
0101 Descript. of animals, shelter	Acceptable			Veterinary treatment, shelter 0101	Acceptable

Records, kennel

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0102 Owner information & signature	Not Applicable	0102 Description of animals, kennel	Not Applicable	0102 Veterinary treatment, kennel	Not Applicable

Records, inspection

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0103 Records made available	Acceptable	0103 Records match animals	Acceptable	0103 Records kept 1+ year	Acceptable

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Indoor facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0202 Ambient temperature, indoor	Acceptable	0202 Ventilation, indoor	Acceptable	0202 Lighting, indoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0202 Imperv./Sanitary surf., indoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0202 Drainage, indoor	Acceptable		

Outdoor facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0203 Impervious surfaces, outdoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0203 Housing, 1 per animal	Acceptable	0203 Protection from elements	Acceptable
0203 Owner advised, outdoor	Not Applicable	0203 Drainage, outdoor	Acceptable		

Primary enclosures

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0204 Drainage prev. cross contam.	Acceptable	0204 Fence height \geq 5 feet	Acceptable	0204 1:10 ratio, person: animal	Acceptable
0204 Surf. impervious to moisture	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Enclosure is escape proof	Acceptable	0204 Cats, \geq 4 sq. ft. / adult	Acceptable
0204 Prevent contact with wood	Acceptable	0204 Solid resting surface	Acceptable	0204 Cats, \leq 12 / enclosure	Not Applicable
0204 Enclosures in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Cats, raised resting surface	Acceptable	0204 Cats, 1 litter pan / 3 adults	Acceptable
0204 Size of enclosure	Acceptable	0204 Dogs, supervision if $>$ 4	Acceptable		

Feeding

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0205 Feeding, 1x / day, adult	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, 1 bowl / adult	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, commercial food	Acceptable
0205 Feeding, bowl in good repair	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, quality food	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, bowl is protected	Acceptable
0205 Feeding, 2x / day, young	Acceptable				

Watering

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0206 Watering, continuous access	Acceptable	0206 Watering, bowl in good repair	Acceptable

Sanitation/Employees/Classification & Separation

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0207 Waste removal 2x / day	Acceptable	0207 Grounds overgrown	Acceptable	0207 Young given social interact.	Acceptable
0207 Animals removed while clean	Acceptable	0207 Pest Control	Acceptable	0207 Species separated	Acceptable

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Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0207 Enclosure sanitized 2x / day	Acceptable	0207 Number of employees	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Isolation area & signage	Acceptable
0207 Method of sanitation	Acceptable	0207 Females in estrus, separated	Acceptable	0207 Long term care program	Acceptable
0207 Build/grnds., clean & repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Owner perm, commingling	Not Applicable	0207 Animals confined	Acceptable
		0207 Young with dam	Acceptable		

Veterinary Care

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0210 Program of veterinary care	Acceptable	0210 Daily observation of animals	Acceptable	0210 Rabies vaccination	Acceptable
0210 Veterinary care when needed	Acceptable				

Vehicles

0301 Vehicles mechanically sound	Acceptable	0301 Fresh air and ventilation	Acceptable	0301 Cargo area clean	Acceptable
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Primary Enclosure Used in Transportation

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0302 Construction of enclosure	Acceptable	0302 Age and species separated	Acceptable	0302 Size of transport enclosure	Acceptable
0302 Enclosure clean & sanitized	Acceptable				

Transportation: Food and Water

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0303 Food & water during transport	Not Applicable	0304 Observation of animals	Acceptable

Transportation: Care

General Statute 19A-32.1

(a) Hold minimum 72 hours	Acceptable	(b) 1, 2, 3 Make available for adopt.	Acceptable	(c) Viewing 3 days for 4 hours each	Acceptable
(d) If animal offsite, photo of animal posted in conspicuous location	Acceptable	(f) 1, 2, 3 Animals were returned to owner, adopted or euth only	Acceptable	(g) i, ii Owner surrender held unless proof ownership & signed consent	Acceptable
(h) Owned animal surrender, ask if there has been a bite w/in 10 days	Acceptable	(i) Release animal to person, record of approved government photo ID	Acceptable		

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Narrative ExplanationSee attached 3 pages for narrative.

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Management***I attest that I was offered an opportunity to read the report before
signing it & that I was offered a copy of the report. My signature does
not imply that I agree with the results.*

10/17/2017

I arrived at the animal shelter today at 11:30am to perform a follow up inspection. No one was here. I contacted Chief Deputy Sheriff Arlo Norman and ACO Deputy Brown, requesting their presence. Both arrived shortly thereafter.

The following areas of non-compliance from the disapproved inspection on 9/22/17, have been corrected and/or addressed as follows:

Corrective Actions Taken.

Records. 0101(1)(2)(4)(5), 0103>

1. Paperwork on all canine primary enclosures is current and correct.
2. Paperwork attached to each pen depicts the canine housed in that kennel at this time.
3. Paperwork on each animal that is currently being sheltered is contained on the premises. I have been informed that staff will continue to follow this practice.

Facility. 0201(a)(b)(c)(e)(k)(l), 0202(a)(b)(d), 0203(a)(e), 0207(c)(d)>

1. The wood wall has been cleaned and the flying insect nests have been removed.
2. The plastic has been removed from the ceiling.
3. The sink area has been cleaned.
4. The drawstring tarp curtain located at the back of the canine kennels, above the drain area, has been removed. Plans to install removable tarps here during the cold season have been decided upon.
5. Clutter and debris has been removed from the cat room.

Indoor Facilities. 0202(b)(d)(e)>

1. Ventilation in the canine housing area is at this time adequate due to the removal of the plastic on the ceilings and the temperature changes in the weather.
2. The drain behind the dog kennels is working properly at this time.

Outdoor Facilities. 0203(a)(e)>

1. The drainage here has been upgraded by adding gravel around the kennel to 6 inches in depth.

Primary Enclosures. 0204(a)(b)(c)>

1. The rusted fencing is being removed and replaced by a fencing contractor.
2. The hair and dirt accumulations have been removed.
3. The drain has been enlarged so that it now promotes an adequate flow of waste water. All fecal and solid material is being scooped from kennel before cleaning begins.

Feeding. 0205(b)>

1. Food receptacles appear clean and dry.

Watering. 0206>

1. All water receptacles appear clean and are full with clean fresh water.

Sanitation. 0207(a)(b 1,2,3,4,6)(c)(d)>

- 1.All primary enclosures appear clean. There is no standing water. There are dry places where the canines have access to comfortably sit and lay. Water buckets and food bowls are in compliance.
- 2.The enclosures are odor free.
- 3.There is no accumulation of feces in the drain path.
4. There are no accumulations of wet hair, fecal matter, dirt and debris clinging at the bottom of the kennel fencing.
- 5.The standalone kennel appears clean.
- 6.The side yard gravel has been cleaned.
7. Gnats and other external parasites have been eradicated. No longer causing the canines discomfort.
- 8.New cleaning and sanitation protocols have been written, posted, and are being utilized.
- 9.There is no infestation or pest control issue in the shelter at this time.
- 10.The building and grounds are being kept clean at this time.
- 11.The premises is clear of scattered debris and accumulated junk.

Employees. 0208>

They have temporality addressed this issue with the use of volunteers. It continues to appear that more than one employee is needed to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices required by the NC Animal Welfare Act and its associated regulations.

Classification/Separation. 0209(5)>

There is now a designated canine kennel for quarantine purposes.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Norman states that they will be looking into providing a designated isolation area/space for animals.

Veterinary Care. 0210(c)(d)>

- 1.Rabies vaccinations are current for all animals housed more than 14 days.
- 2.The previous mentioned canines have been seen by a veterinarian. All prescribed medications, treatments and feeding recommendations are being implemented and documented.
- 3.The paperwork and documentation on each dog is in compliance.

General Statute. 19A-32.1(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)>

Each impounded canine on the premises has adequate and appropriately documented paperwork to support the above statute requirements.

Corrective Actions Pending.

Facility. 0201(A)(b)(c)(e)(k)(l), 0202(a)(b)(d), 0203(a)(e), 0207(c)(d)>

1. Concrete floors and walkways remain unsealed.

Addressed> They have decided to apply an epoxy type product to all concrete surfaces when the weather permits.

2. Wooden plank wall remains unsealed.

Addressed> They will be applying an epoxy type seal to the wall when the weather permits.

3. None of the light fixtures have been cleaned and bulb covers have not been provided where needed.

Addressed> Chief Deputy Sheriff Norman states that the plan is to contact the county's building, grounds and maintenance department and to have them take care of this issue.

4. There are no felines in the cat room. The strong odor remains. The unidentified drain hole remains unchanged. The floor and concrete wall remain unsealed.

Addressed> The odor has been identified as coming from an unrefrigerated evidence bag. Chief Deputy Sheriff Norman has been advised to contact the individual(s) in the sheriff's department that handles biological evidence to attain proper protocols.

ACO Deputy Brown has advised that the plan for the unidentified drain hole in here is to be cleaned out and filled with concrete.

Weather permitting, they will be applying an epoxy type seal to the concrete block wall and the floor.

Indoor Facilities. 0202(b)(d)(e)

1. Chief Deputy Sheriff Norman has stated that the ventilation issues that are problematic in the warm months will be addressed before next season.

2. The concrete flooring and cross contamination barriers and rusted fencing remain.

Addressed> They will be applying an epoxy type seal to these areas once weather permits. Chief Deputy Sheriff Norman has informed me that he has been in touch with a fencing company that will be repairing this issue.

Outdoor Facilities. 0203(a)(e)>

1. The kennel floor in the standalone kennel remains unsealed.

Addressed> The floor will be sealed with an epoxy type seal as weather permits.

Primary Enclosures. 0204(a)(b)(c)>

1. The concrete block cross contamination barriers and kennel concrete floors that are unsealed, will be sealed with an epoxy type seal once weather permits.

Sanitation. 0207(d)>

1. There is no established protocols or program for effective pest control.

Addressed> There is no issue at this time regarding infestations or pest problems. Chief Deputy Sheriff Norman will be researching and writing a program for the shelter.

Departure Time 2:20pm